



CITY OF COLUMBIA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING / ZONING PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2014 - 6:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL - 1737 MAIN STREET  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR

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The Columbia City Council conducted a Council Meeting and a Zoning Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Leona K. Plough, The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman, The Honorable Cameron A. Runyan and The Honorable Moe Baddourah. The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine was absent. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. *The minutes are numbered to coincide with the order of the meeting.*

The Mayor and members of City Council wore Team Plough T-shirts in support of Councilwoman Plough. Mayor Benjamin said she is not praying alone; we are praying with her; and we were blessed to have Ms. Plough and Ms. Devine here with us today as we made important policy decisions. He thanked Eat More Tees for their stewardship and support of Ms. Plough.

Dr. Germon Miller told Councilwoman Plough that she loves her so much and she presented her with a special gift.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Benjamin led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **INVOCATION**

Dr. Derek Thomas, Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church offered the invocation.

### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Runyan and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda, subject to deferring the consideration of **Item 42** (*Resolution No.: R-2014-081 – Recognizing the City of Columbia Poet Laureate*) and presenting the *Day of Remembrance Proclamation* first.

### **PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS**

*No one appeared at this time.*

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Meeting Minutes of [March 12, 2014 Special Called Meeting](#), [April 1, 2014 Council Meeting](#), [April 8, 2014 Council Meeting](#), [April 22, 2014 Council Meeting](#) and [May 13, 2014 Special Called Meeting](#) – *Approved by a vote of five (5) to one (1).*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted five (5) to one (1) to approve the Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2014 Special Called Meeting, April 1, 2014 Council Meeting, April 8, 2014 Council Meeting, April 22, 2014 Council Meeting and May 13, 2014 Special Called Meeting. Voting aye were Mr. Baddourah, Mr. Runyan, Mr. Newman, Mr. Davis and Mayor Benjamin. Ms. Plough voted nay, noting that she hadn't reviewed the minutes.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

2. [National Day of Remembrance Proclamation](#) – The Honorable Cameron A. Runyan

Councilor Runyan said that September 25, 2014 is the National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims. He said who knew how salient this issue would be right here in our own community as we tragically lost five (5) children just across the river; what a reminder of how fragile life is and how we need to remember the most vulnerable in our society. He called for a moment of silence in memory of the children from Lexington County who were murdered and for all other children.

Mayor Benjamin and the members of City Council proclaimed Thursday, September 25, 2014 as a Day of Remembrance in the City of Columbia.

3. [Introduction of the September 2014 Employee of the Month \(Mr. Stanley Pelzer, Truck Driver III\)](#) – Mr. Robert Anderson, Director of Public Works

Mr. Robert Anderson, Director of Public Works recognized Stanley Pelzer, Truck Driver III as the September 2014 Employee of the Month. He described Stanley as a model employee who has served the City of Columbia for twenty-nine (29) years. He said that Mr. Pelzer responds at any time and he operates a clamshell with precision.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager presented Mr. Stanley Pelzer with a token of appreciation. She said that Mr. Pelzer has been an inspiration over the last several years both on the job and while dealing with issues in his personal life. She said we are always keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

Mayor Benjamin and the members of Council presented Mr. Stanley Pelzer, Truck Driver III with a plaque for being selected as the City of Columbia September 2014 Employee of the Month.

4. Recognition of the [Greater Columbia Black Data Processing Associates \(BDPA\) High School Computer Competition Team Award Recipient](#) - The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin said the Black Data Processing Associates has been doing work to invest in our young people for decades. He congratulated the Greater Columbia Black Data Processing Associates (BDPA) High School Computer Competition Team for placing second in the national competition against eighteen (18) teams. He said we are so proud of the work being done. He recognized the team's coaches: Kelvin Robinson and Alex Rabonovich along with Jamesetta James and other volunteers. He said we consider this a baseline in your achievement; you haven't begun to scratch the surface of your potential; and we need to continue to invest in the great things that you all are going to do. He presented certificates to the five team members: Anthony Coleman, Team Captain; Briana Abraham of W.J. Keenan High School; Perry Cates of A.C. Flora High School; Kevin Rabonovich of A.C. Flora High School; and Braxton Robinson of River Bluff High School.

5. Recognition of the Drills and Skills Volunteers – The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin said it has been five (5) years since we had the very first Drills and Skills Clinic. He said he was impressed with the number of folks who continuously showed up, willing to give of their time, their talents and their treasures for our young people.

Mr. Randy Davis, Parks and Recreation Department said there were forty (40) volunteers this year who were involved in teaching young people the importance of being prepared to go back to school and the skills they have shared in the areas of basketball, tennis and golf have been overwhelmingly positive. He said we hope to expand the program to other sports for all boys and girls throughout the year as a prelude to enrollment.

Mayor Benjamin recognized the volunteers that were in attendance. He said that each volunteer will receive a plaque, because we appreciate them and the children appreciate them even more.

**\*\*Mayor Benjamin recognized Ms. Chryssandra Hires, a two-time Olympic Handball Champion.**

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

6. [2013 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report](#) – Ms. Deborah Livingston, Community Development Director

Ms. Deborah Livingston, Community Development Director said this is the draft 2013 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). She noted that other corrections will be made. She announced that the public comment period will close on Friday, September 19, 2014 and the CAPER will be submitted next week, but it isn't due until September 30, 2014. She encouraged everyone to review the CAPER online at <http://www.columbiasc.net/depts/community-development/2013caperdraft9102014.pdf>.

She recognized her staff, Ms. Dollie Bristow, Community Development Administrator and Ms. Renee Miller-Cotton, Compliance Officer and she introduced Mr. Joseph Dukes as the newest member of the team. She noted that the Columbia Community Development Department's CAPER is known as the number one CAPER in South Carolina.

Mr. Tige Watts, Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development recognized the members of the Citizens Advisory Committee. He reported that this CAPER is for fiscal year 2013/2014 and it covers the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and Housing Opportunities for People With Aids (HOPWA) Funds. The comment period began on August 12, 2014 and will conclude on Friday, September 19, 2014. He reported that the City of Columbia received \$956,664.50 in CDBG funds; \$493,712 in HOME funds; and \$1,421,084 in HOPWA funds. He reported that the City received \$2,871,460 in new funding through these three (3) formula grants and \$1,410,995 in program income. He noted that the City leveraged over \$10.9 million in private and other funding. He outlined the following accomplished: the Community Development Department received no findings from the HUD monitoring review; launched the Assisting Citizens to Improve Our Neighborhoods (ACTION) Grant; hosted the National Community Development Association regional board conference; the Elmwood Park Neighborhood received the first place designation in the physical revitalization beautification contest from Neighborhoods USA; and the City of Columbia received the best neighborhood program award for its Creative Journey Project. He reviewed other accomplishments from each formula grant. In closing, he sought approval from Council for the submission of the 2013 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report.

- **Council opened the Public Hearing at 6:44 p.m.**

*No one appeared in support of or in opposition to this matter.*

- **Council closed the Public Hearing at 6:44 p.m.**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Ms. Plough, Council voted unanimously to approve the submission of the 2013/2014 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report.

## RESOLUTION

7. [Resolution No.: R-2014-068](#) – Designating Martin Luther King Neighborhood a Residential Parking Permit District - *Approved*

Mr. John Spade, Director of Parking Services reported that Mr. Durham Carter, President of the Martin Luther King Neighborhood supports this resolution.

- **Council opened the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m.**

*No one appeared in support of or in opposition to this matter.*

- **Council closed the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m.**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2014-068 – Designating Martin Luther King Neighborhood a Residential Parking Permit District.

## OTHER MATTERS

**\*\*Ms. Ellie Riegel**, University of South Carolina Student Body Attorney General reported that the University of South Carolina held its Bell Ringing Ceremony for the new Darla Moore School of Business this week; students have responded favorably to the transportation corridor on Saluda Avenue; we are working with COMET to offer more transportation options for students; our Civic Engagement Week is October 6-10, 2014; and we are conducting research on safety practices within the entertainment districts.

8. Council is asked to approve the [Installation of Two \(2\) Speed Humps](#) within the 1400 block of Oak Street between Hampton Street and Washington Street and the 1500 block of Oak Street between Hampton Street and Taylor Street. **Note:** *The Columbia Fire and Police Departments support this request. - Approved*

Mr. Ronald Davis, Waverly Community Safety and Beautification Committee Member said everyone constantly runs the flashing stop light and Deputy Police Chief Melron Kelly has worked with them to address this concern.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve the installation of two (2) speed humps within the 1400 block of Oak Street between Hampton Street and Washington Street and the 1500 block of Oak Street between Hampton Street and Taylor Street.

9. [Neighborhood Street Lighting Request](#) - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to approve the following Neighborhood Street Lighting Request:

Neighborhoods Listed by Priority	Existing Lights	Requested Lights	Current Lease Cost / Annually	Project Request Total	Total Year to Date
5100 Block of Floran Street	3	2	\$356.76	\$237.84	\$594.60

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 10 through 14, 17 through 23 and 25 through 37. Items 15 and 16** were withdrawn from the agenda. **Item 24** was approved by a separate motion.

Councilor Baddourah said we have EPA obligations under the Consent Decree. He asked that projects on the Consent Agenda be connected with that goal so that Council knows which projects are being done to satisfy the EPA requirements.

**CONSIDERATION OF BIDS and AGREEMENTS**

10. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of Ten \(10\) Cameras and Accessories for Patrol Cars](#), as requested by the Police Department. Award to Coban Technologies, Inc., using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$53,063.30. This vendor is located in Houston, TX. *Funding Source: Police Operations/Computer Equipment Hardware; 1012403-627500 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for Items 10, 11 and 12 is \$300,000.00. Per Chief Information Officer, the Information Technology Department supports the expansion of technology that's already in use in other patrol cars. - Approved*
11. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of Visionair's Applications for Mobile Reporting and Dispatching Needs for New Police Vehicles](#), as requested by the Police Department. Award to Tritech Software Solutions, as a sole source procurement in the amount \$71,598.96. This vendor is located in Hayne, NC. *Funding Source: Police Operations/Computer License; 1012403-627510 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for Items 10, 11 and 12 is \$300,000.00. - Approved*

12. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of Twenty-two \(22\) Getac Laptops, Vehicle Docks, Port Replicators and Adapters/Chargers for Patrol Cars](#), as requested by the Police Department. Award to Synnex in the amount of \$85,427.65. This vendor is located in Greenville, SC. *Funding Source: Police Operations/Computer Equipment Hardware; 1012403-627500 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for Items 10, 11 and 12 is \$300,000.00. The Chief Information Officer supports this purchase to equip the expansion of fleet with the commonly supported standard set of computers and devices. This expansion is comprised of ten (10) new units. - Approved*
  
13. Council is asked to approve a Contract [Renewal for Oracle Maintenance Support](#), as requested by the Information Technology Department. Award to Mythics, Inc., using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$103,953.17. This vendor is located in Virginia Beach, VA. *Funding Source: Information Technology/Maintenance and Service Contract; 1011120-638200 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount is \$152,000.00. The Chief Information Officer supports this annual renewal. This provides support and patch/upgrade rights for the IFAS financial and Banner utility billing database. - Approved*
  
14. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of Parking Management System Software and Custom Configured Handheld Enforcement Units](#), as requested by the Parking Operations Division. Award to T2 Systems, Inc., as a Sole Source in the amount of \$106,537.04. This vendor is located in Indianapolis, IN. *Funding Source: Parking Improvement Project Control/Meter, Parts and Supplies; 5329999-625600 and On-Street Credit Meters/Meter, Parts and Supplies; PG001116-625600 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for this purchase is \$100,000.00 and \$6,537.04 will come from the 2005 Parking Revenue Bond. The Chief Information Officer supports this purchase. Associated phased project milestones and timetable to be established by the project manager in conjunction with the Information Technology Department. Additional funding will be required to handle the necessary integration of this system to IFAS. - Approved*
  
15. Council is asked to approve a [Contract Renewal for Bill Printing Services](#), as requested by the Customer Care Division. Award to Laser Print Plus for the following services in the amount of \$781,132.80. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. – **Note:** The original budgeted amount is \$781,132.80. – This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

Services	Account	Amount
Electronic Archiving & Billing Services	5511407-638300	\$34,290.00
Water Billing & Collection Notice Processing	5511407-638300 5511407-631100	\$713,310.00
Solid Waste Bill Processing	1014401-636000	\$11,167.20
Parking Bill Processing	5313101-621000 5313101-631100	\$3,045.60
Parking Summons Processing	5311411-637000	\$19,320.00



16. Council is asked to approve a [Contract Renewal for Citywide Copier Services for Fiscal Year 2014/2015](#), as requested by the Support Services Division. Award to Pollock in the amount of \$210,600.00. This vendor is located in West Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Copying/Xerox Copy and Supply; 6208951-627200 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount is \$210,600.00. This is the first of two (2) additional one (1) year options to renew. – This item was withdrawn from the agenda.*
17. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of Fencing Materials and Netting Replacement](#) at the James Clyburn Golf Center, as requested by the Parks and Recreation Department. Award to Net Connection, LLC, as the sole bidder meeting specifications in the amount of \$83,644.00. This vendor is located in Birmingham, AL. *Funding Source: General Capital Projects-Professional Services Capital Projects; 4039999-658660 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for this purchase is \$83,644.00. - Approved*
18. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of Two \(2\) Ford F-250 Trucks with Flip Lid Bodies](#), as requested by the Water Distribution Division. Award to Dick Smith Ford located in Columbia, SC, using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$51,658.00. *Funding Source: Utilities Water Distribution and Maintenance-Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment Capital – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for this purchase is \$56,000. - Approved*
19. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of Four \(4\) Ford C-Max Hybrid Vehicles](#), as requested by the Water Distribution Division. Award to Vic Bailey Ford, using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$94,600.00. This vendor is located in Spartanburg, SC. *Funding Source: Utilities Water Maintenance Customer Service-Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment Capital; 5516202-658500 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for this purchase is \$98,000.00. - Approved*
20. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of One \(1\) Tandem Dump Truck with a Steerable Drop Axle](#), as requested by the Water Distribution Division. Award to Shealy's Truck Center, Inc., as the next lowest Local Business Enterprise (LBE) vendor using the Optional Future Ordering Agreement in the amount of \$137,771.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Utilities Water Distribution & Maintenance-Autos, Truck, Heavy Equipment Capital; 551-6205-658500 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for this purchase is \$140,000.00. Under the Optional Future Ordering Agreement the City reserves the right to purchase additional quantities in the future at the state bid unit price or negotiate lower pricing on subsequent purchases prior to June 30, 2015. – Approved*



21. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of Nine \(9\) Ford F-250 Super Cab 4x4 Vehicles](#), as requested by the Water Distribution Division. Award to Dick Smith Ford using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$286,713.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Utilities Water Distribution & Maintenance-Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment Capital; 5516203-658500 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for this purchase is \$288,000.00. - Approved*
22. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of Repair Materials for the Primary Sludge Collectors in Train One](#), as requested by the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant. Award to Evoqua Water Technologies, LLC, as a Sole Source in the amount of \$60,013.44. This vendor is located in Waukesha, WI. *Funding Source: Utilities Metro WWTP; 5516208-623100 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount is \$60,013.44. - Approved*
23. Council is asked to approve an [Agreement for On-Call General Wastewater Engineering Services](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award Black & Veatch in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00. This vendor is located in Greenville, SC. *Funding Source: Water and Sewer; 5516208-638505 – **Note:** These services are for engineering services that are required in conjunction with operation of the wastewater treatment plant and collection system for pre-treatment support and headwork analysis that may arise in the upcoming year. The original budgeted amount for this project is \$75,000.00. - Approved*
24. Council is asked to approve an [Agreement for On-Call General Wastewater Engineering Services](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to ICA Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Sewer; 5516208-638505 – **Note:** These services are for engineering services that are required for miscellaneous wastewater collection system, wastewater treatment and surveying services that may arise in the upcoming year. The original budgeted amount for this project is \$75,000.00. – Approved. Mr. Newman abstained from voting due to a potential conflict of interest.*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve an Agreement for On-Call General Wastewater Engineering Services, as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to ICA Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. Mr. Newman abstained from voting on this item due to a potential conflict of interest.

25. Council is asked to approve an [Agreement for On-Call Sanitary Sewer Engineering Services](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to M.R. Systems, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00. This vendor is located in Norcross, GA. *Funding Source: Sewer; 5516208-638505 – **Note:** This agreement is for general sanitary sewer engineering services for various projects that may arise in the upcoming year. The original budgeted amount for this project is \$150,000.00. - Approved*

26. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of Repair Materials to Rebuild the Return Sludge Pumps in Train I and Train II](#), as requested by the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant. Award to Heyward Services, Inc., as a Sole Source in the amount of \$284,690.36. This vendor is located in Charlotte, NC. *Funding Source: Utilities Metro WWTP; 5516208-623100 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount is \$284,690.36. - Approved*
27. Council is asked to approve a [Contract Renewal for Wet Well Cleaning](#), as requested by the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant. Award to P&S Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$237,405.00. This vendor is located in Lexington, SC. *Funding Source: Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant Maintenance and Service Contracts; 5516208-638200 – **Note:** The original budgeted amount is \$340,000.00. – Approved*
28. Council is asked to approve [Projects WM3059 and SS7202; Water Main and Sewer Line Replacement on Mountain Drive and Clement Road](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to LAD Corporation of West Columbia, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$1,054,362.00. This vendor is located in West Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Water Capital Improvement Fund; 5529999-658650/WM305901-658650 – **Note:** This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project and Lexington Earthworks (Protégé) is implementing 20% (\$212,316) of the contract value. This project consists of constructing varying lengths of water mains, renewing water and fire services and relocating identified water meters to R/W line. The original budgeted amount for this project is \$1,250,000.00. - Approved*

#### ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

29. [Ordinance No.: 2014-081](#) - Granting an encroachment to First Citizens Café at 1210 Main Street for placement and maintenance of two tables, eight chairs and two umbrellas immediately in front of their business for use by its patrons for outdoor dining during its normal business hours – *First reading approval was given on August 19, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*
30. [Ordinance No.: 2014-082](#) - Granting an encroachment to Atlanta Bread Company at 1307 Main Street for placement and maintenance of four tables, twelve chairs and four umbrellas immediately in front of their business for use by its patrons for outdoor dining during its normal business hours – *First reading approval was given on August 19, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*
31. [Ordinance No.: 2014-083](#) – Granting an encroachment to CEO Staffing and Executive Search for installation and maintenance of two red bud trees within the right of way areas of the 1300 block of Richland Street adjacent to its building at 1830 Sumter Street, Richland County TMS #09015-09-01 – *First reading approval was given on August 19, 2014. - Approved on second reading.*

32. [Ordinance No.: 2014-089](#) – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract of Sale and any other documents necessary to consummate the transfer of 5212 Randall Street, Richland County TMS # 11701-06-06 from the City of Columbia to Columbia Housing Authority – *First reading approval was given on August 19, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*
33. [Ordinance No.: 2014-090](#) – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract of Sale and any other documents necessary to consummate the transfer of 14 Guernsey Drive, Richland County TMS #11607-1 7-02 from the City of Columbia to Donvale M. Springs – *First reading approval was given on August 19, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*

#### EVENT RESOLUTIONS

34. [Resolution No.: R-2014-078](#) – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at Vista Lights 2014 on Thursday, November 20, 2014 – *The event time is 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. - Approved*
35. [Resolution No.: R-2014-082](#) – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for Arts and Draughts on Friday, November 7, 2014 – *The event time is 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. - Approved*
36. [Resolution No.: R-2014-089](#) – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at Five Points Association's JerryFest on Sunday, October 5, 2014 – *The event time is 2:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. - Approved*
37. [Resolution No.: R-2014-091](#) – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only at the Get Out the Vote Rally in the Cannon Parking Garage on Friday, September 26, 2014 – *The event time is 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. - Approved*

#### ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

38. [Ordinance No.: 2014-094](#) – Granting an encroachment to City Center Partnership for placement and maintenance of rocking chairs for use by the public within the designated sidewalk right of way areas of the 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600 and 1700 blocks of Main Street – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2014-094 – Granting an encroachment to City Center Partnership for placement and maintenance of rocking chairs for use by the public within the designated sidewalk right of way areas of the 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600 and 1700 blocks of Main Street. Mr. Newman was not present for the vote.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

39. [Resolution No.: R-2014-081](#) – Recognizing the City of Columbia Poet Laureate – *This item was withdrawn from the agenda.*
40. [Resolution No.: R-2014-085](#) – Authorizing the City Manager and Chief of Police to execute an Agreement between LRADAC, The Behavioral Health Center of the Midlands and the City of Columbia and City of Columbia Police Department - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Ms. Plaugh, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2014-085 – Authorizing the City Manager and Chief of Police to execute an Agreement between LRADAC, The Behavioral Health Center of the Midlands and the City of Columbia and City of Columbia Police Department. Mr. Newman was not present for the vote.

41. [Resolution No.: R-2014-086](#) – Authorizing the City Manager and Chief of Police to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command (MARSCO) and the City of Columbia and City of Columbia Police Department - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2014-086 – Authorizing the City Manager and Chief of Police to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command (MARSCO) and the City of Columbia and City of Columbia Police Department. Mr. Newman was not present for the vote.

42. [Resolution No.: R-2014-087](#) – Authorizing the City Manager and Chief of Police to execute an Accreditation Program for Law Enforcement Accreditation Agreement between the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. and the City of Columbia and City of Columbia Police Department - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2014-087 – Authorizing the City Manager and Chief of Police to execute an Accreditation Program for Law Enforcement Accreditation Agreement between the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. and the City of Columbia and City of Columbia Police Department. Mr. Newman was not present for the vote.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager noted that these are all standard agreements between other agencies and the Columbia Police Department.

43. [Resolution No.: R-2014-088](#) – Authorizing the City Manager and Chief of Police to execute an Agreement for the Temporary Transfer of Law Enforcement Officers between Fairfield County and the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office and the City of Columbia and City of Columbia Police Department - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2014-088 – Authorizing the City Manager and Chief of Police to execute an Agreement for the Temporary Transfer of Law Enforcement Officers between Fairfield County and the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office and the City of Columbia and City of Columbia Police Department. Mr. Newman was not present for the vote.

44. [Resolution No.: R-2014-092](#) – Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Encroachment Agreement between the City of Columbia and the South Carolina Budget and Control Board for installation and maintenance of a building overhang, doors and entrance ways, private sanitary sewer lines, private water/fire service lines and private storm drainage lines over the utility right of way area in the 500 block of Williams Street adjacent to the South Carolina State Museum Planetarium Observatory and Theater located at 514 Williams Street, Richland County TMS #08912-02-02 and 08912-02-03 - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2014-092 – Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Encroachment Agreement between the City of Columbia and the South Carolina Budget and Control Board for installation and maintenance of a building overhang, doors and entrance ways, private sanitary sewer lines, private water/fire service lines and private storm drainage lines over the utility right of way area in the 500 block of Williams Street adjacent to the South Carolina State Museum Planetarium Observatory and Theater located at 514 Williams Street, Richland County TMS #08912-02-02 and 08912-02-03.

#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS/REFERRALS**

45. Public Safety Committee [September 3, 2014 Report](#) – *This report was received as information.*
46. \*\*Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to refer a review of the representation on the Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee to the Arts and Historic Preservation Committee to determine if a cultural arts representative is needed.

#### **APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC**

*No one appeared at this time.*

## **ZONING PUBLIC HEARING**

### **MAP AMENDMENT – FIRST READING**

- **Council opened the Zoning Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.**

47. **710 Brandon Avenue**, TMS#16404-05-21; request to rezone from RG-2 (General Residential) to C-3 (General Commercial). – *Approved on first reading.*

Council District:	4
Proposal:	Rezone parcel from RG-2 zoning to C-3
Applicant:	Gregg Gaskins, GRG Investments, LLC by Robert F. Fuller, Attorney
PC Recommendation:	Approve (6-0), 08/04/14
Staff Recommendation:	Deny

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services said there is a letter of support from the neighborhood association.

Mayor Benjamin asked where this parcel is located in relation to the park.

Councilor Plough said it is nowhere near the park. She noted that this was discussed by the full neighborhood association. She understands staff's recommendation to deny this, but having talked with the neighborhood she fully understands why the neighborhood would want to see this moved forward. She expressed her support for the neighborhood.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services said this is right off of Garners Ferry Road. She explained that each situation is different and we have concerns, but we certainly understand the struggles with the structure as it stands. She said that the neighborhood has a very good relationship with the business that will be using this land.

Mayor Benjamin asked if the parcel to the north is residential.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services said as you go further into the neighborhood, there is a duplex with single family behind it.

Mr. Robert Fuller, Esq. appeared on behalf of the applicant to explain that this business has operated for almost ten years at the corner of Brandon Avenue and Garners Ferry Road. He said the C-3 zoning backs up to a RG-2 lot; the lot is being acquired by the business to enlarge the footprint and to accommodate parking with buffering between the residential. He noted that this puts the property into compliance with properties on major thoroughfares in the Comprehensive Plan. He said the total depth of the lots would be approximately 255', which is the same as the other commercial enterprises on Garners Ferry Road extending back towards the neighborhood. He explained that the property is adjacent to RS-2 zoning with three (3) operating apartments. He said that the property is being sold, the existing structure has been a problem and it will be removed.



Mayor Benjamin asked Ms. Hampton to describe the other uses that are allowed under this new zoning classification.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services said that it would be zoned general commercial, which is a more liberal commercial area; it has auto related uses, cemeteries, fruit stores, diaper services and more. She said they look at a variety of factors. She acknowledged that they will recommend a commercial encroachment at the next meeting; each situation is different. She said that staff feels that this case is encroaching into the neighborhood, but they do understand the sentiment.

Mayor Benjamin acknowledged Mr. Gaskins' presence in favor of the map amendment.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Map Amendment for 710 Brandon Avenue, TMS#16404-05-21; request to rezone from RG-2 (General Residential) to C-3 (General Commercial).

48. 300 Candi Lane, TMS#07211-01-03; request to rezone from M-1 (Light Industrial) to C-3 (General Commercial). – *Approved on first reading.*

Council District:	2
Proposal:	Rezone parcel from M-1 zoning to C-3
Applicant:	Hartley Barber, Three Rivers Outdoor Center, LLC (DBA: Get Your Gear On)
PC Recommendation:	Approve (7-0), 08/04/14
Staff Recommendation:	Approve

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services explained that this is an odd island of M-1 in C-3 just off of the highway. She said this will permit residential use above the store by special exception.

*No one appeared in support of or in opposition to this matter.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Map Amendment for 300 Candi Lane, TMS#07211-01-03; request to rezone from M-1 (Light Industrial) to C-3 (General Commercial).

49. [411 Senate Street/410 Gervais Street](#), TMS#08912-11-02, -04; request to rezone from PUD-C, -DD (Planned Unit Development - Commercial, -Design/Development Overlay District) to MX-2, -ID (Mixed Use Urban, -Innovista Design Overlay District). – *Approved on first reading.*

Council District:	2
Proposal:	Rezone parcel from PUD-C, -DD zoning to MX-2, -ID
Applicant:	Stuart Lee / Cynthia Blair; Rogers Townsend & Thomas, PC
PC Recommendation:	Approve (7-0), 08/04/14
Staff Recommendation:	Approve

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services explained that the Planned Unit Development could not be amended to facilitate the proposed development.

Councilor Newman asked what is allowed in MX-2 zoning, because it is by the City Club.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services said City Club is zoned MX-2 as well. She explained that this district is urban mixed use, it's fairly high density and it's fairly permissive; however, auto related uses are discouraged in this area. She said this zoning is close to C-5, which is the urban core. She said it would have been rezoned to MX-2 when we rezoned the entire Innovista District, but it was a PUD.

*No one appeared in support of or in opposition to this matter.*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to the Map Amendment for 411 Senate Street/410 Gervais Street, TMS#08912-11-02, -04; request to rezone from PUD-C, -DD (Planned Unit Development - Commercial, -Design/Development Overlay District) to MX-2, -ID (Mixed Use Urban, -Innovista Design Overlay District).

- **Council closed the Zoning Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting and to reconvene the Executive Session at 7:10 p.m.

- **Council adjourned the Executive Session at 8:59 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore  
City Clerk

Meeting Dates	Type of Meeting	Meeting Times
October 7, 2014	<b>Work Session</b>	2:00 p.m.
	<i>City Hall – 1737 Main Street – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room</i>	
	<b>Council Meeting</b>	6:00 p.m.
	<i>City Hall – 1737 Main Street – Council Chambers</i>	
October 21, 2014	<b>Work Session</b>	2:00 p.m.
	<i>City Hall – 1737 Main Street – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room</i>	
	<b>Council Meeting</b>	6:00 p.m.
	<i>City Hall – 1737 Main Street – Council Chambers</i>	